Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation and the progress in their regard are as follows :

(i) Sanitation and Garbage removal to combat the growing insanitation in the city of Delhi, particularly the unauthorised colonies (1300 Nos. with population of about 20 lakhs).

(ii) Construction of 14 Sewage Treatment Plants and Pumping stations for abatement of pollution in River Yamuna as per the directive of the Supreme Court.

(iii) Free DTC passes to students of ITIs for inclusion in the Annual Plan 1995-96.

(iv) the various Health Sector Projects which have been agreed to in principle by the Planning Commission relate to (a) Neuro-Surgery Units in DDU Hospital, GTB Hospital and LNJP Hospital (B) Grant-in-aid to St. John Ambulance Brigade (c) Establishment of State Drug Authority and Central Procurement Agency (d) Establishment of State Health Education Bureau (e) Opening of 70 dispensaries/health clinics (f) Opening up of 5 peripheral hospitals (g) Setting up of Directorate of ISM and Homoeopathy (h) Research Centre for Modernise Promotion of Ayurveda and Traditional Medicines.

In respect of some other Health Projects such as improvement of blood transfusion services, establishment of state medical council, establishment of Homoeopathic Hospital at Karampura, Emergent Provision of Primary Health Care Facilities in J.J. Clusters through mobile Dispensaries, the Government of NCT of Delhi has been requested to obtain the clearance of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and also have been asked to submit the revised comprehensive proposals.

(v) Financial Assistance to Sick Cooperative Banks.

The Annual Plan discussions for 1996-97 would consider those of the above schemes, which can be included in the Plan.

[English]

Report of Transperancy International

2255. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that India has been ranked as seventh corrupt country as per Transperancy International Report of Non-Government Agency of Germany; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). The Government of India in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions have not received any report of Transperancy International a non-Government agency, ranking India as the seventh corrupt country. Therefore, the Government have no comments to offer.

Adamtilla and Bashkandi Power Projects

2256. SHRI DWARAKA NATH DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that gas turbine projects for generation of power at "Adamtilla" and "Bashkandi" in Southern Assam are yet to be completed;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay; and

(c) the time by which these are expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Abduction of Journalists

2257. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the extremist outfit captivated about twenty journalists in Kashmir, recently;

(b) if so, the details alongwith their names;

(c) the reasons for their abduction and the demand of the extremists; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for their secure release?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). As per information made available by the State Government about 19 journalists and photographers representing the local, national and international media were allegedly stopped and detained while proceeding from Srinagar to Achabal, Anantnag for a press conference on 8.7.1996,

by a group South Kashmir Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon. The names of the journalists have been given below :

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1. Meraj-ud-Din
2. Arshad
3. AS Cherao
4. Tawseef Mustaffa
5. Afzal Shah
6. Shujat Bukhari
7. Sheikh Mushtaq
8. Fayas Kabli
9. Amin War
10. Gulzar
11. Farooq Javed
12. Qayoom
13. Bilal Bhat
14. Masood and four others.

(c) After detaining the above journalists the group demanded that the editors of the local newspapers should reach Anantnag, reportedly because it felt aggrieved on account of a perception that the media was projecting their statements in a distorted manner.

(d) As a result of the efforts made by the Government authorities the media persons were allowed to go unharmed, the same day. The Police has registered a case in respect of the incident.

Software Technology Parks

2258. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Software Technology Parks (STP) set up in the country and location thereof;

(b) the objectives of setting up such STPs and whether such STPs have achieved these objectives;

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to set up additional STPs in current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). There are 14 Software Technology Parks (STPs) functioning in the country at present. Two STPs are located at Pune and one each at Bhubaneshwar, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Noida, Gandhinagar, Jaipur, Thiruvanthapuram, Calcutta, Delhi, Gurgaon, Kanpur and Madras.

The Software Technology Parks Scheme is 100% Export Oriented Scheme for encouraging Software Development for export. They provide infrastructure facilities for software export. These STPs are providing services to about 300 companies accounting for software export of approximately Rs. 730 crores for the year 1995-96.

(c) The Government of India, Department of Electronics does not have any proposal to set up new STP. However, the Department of Electronics continues to provide necessary guidance and assitance to the State Governments willing to establish the STPs.

(D) Does not arise.

Water Supply Projects in Assam

2259. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of water supply projects of Assam cleared during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the details of other proposals pending with the Union Government at present; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No urban water supply project under the State Plan from Assam State has been received during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96. However, the Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board (AUWSP and SB) has forwarded water supply scheme for Namroop town under AUWSP for towns having population less than 20,000 during 1994-95 and the same was approved at an estimated cost of Rs. 135.31 lacs and an amount of Rs. 26.06 lacs was released for this scheme.

(d) During 1995-96, out of 11 towns recommended by the State Level Selection Committee (SLSC), the AUWSP and SB submitted detailed project reports (DPRS) for only 7 towns. These DPRS were examined and technical comments have been sent to the AUWSP and SB in November, 95. However, the Board is yet to furnish clarifications on these 7 schemes.

(c) As soon as the clarifications are received from AUWSP and SB, these scheme would be considered for sanction depending upon the budget outlay and the State share in that.

[Translation]

Per Capita Income in Bihar

2260. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government keep district-wise details of per capita income; and

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof for Bihar?